

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-20 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A web site system including a center site and a plurality of the service sites accessible through said center site; ~~said~~ web site system comprising:
- a member information database managed in said center site and storing member information ~~of said plurality of the service sites,~~
- wherein:
- said member information database stores the member information ~~based on information concerning a member that is obtained at~~ through said center site or said plurality of the service sites; and
- said center site sends the member information stored in said member information database to said plurality of said service sites; and
- said center site searches for one of the plurality of service sites based on information indicating a location of a user from the member information stored in the member information database and provides a search result to the user via a service site accessed by the user.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein when ~~a~~ the user accesses one service site of the service sites through said center site, said center site retrieves the member information ~~of~~ corresponding to the user from said member information database and sends the member information to said one service site.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said center site retrieves the member information of the user from said member information database, classifies the member information, and sends a class of the member information as a part of or ~~an~~ as the entire member information.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said center site sends member ID information to one ~~service site~~ of the service sites, ~~which the user accesses, corresponding to the user, where and~~ said one of the service sites inquires retrieves the member information of the user ~~to from~~ said center site by ~~utilizing~~ using said member ID information ~~and obtains the member information.~~

a 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 1, wherein when ~~a the user makes~~ performs an action at one ~~service site~~ of said service sites, said one of the service sites sends information ~~concerning~~ corresponding to said action ~~of performed by~~ the user to said center site.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The web site system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said center site updates the member information of the user in said member information database by using said information ~~concerning~~ corresponding to said action ~~of performed by~~ the user.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A center site including a member information database storing member information, comprising:

a ~~an~~ updating part updating said member information ~~of said member information database~~ in response to each action performed by a user at service sites; and

a sending part sending the member information ~~stored said member information database~~, when ~~a the user~~ accesses one of the service site ~~of said service sites~~ or when any one of said service sites inquires the member information; and;

a searching part searching for one of the plurality of service sites based on information indicating a location of a user from the member information stored in the member information database and providing a search result to the user via a service site accessed by the user,

wherein each member information from said service sites connected to said center site is stored in said member information database and said member information database is a single database for said service sites.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service site accessible through a center site including a member information database storing member information, said service site comprising:

an action information sending part sending information concerning an action of a user to update said member information database when the user ~~makes an~~ performs the action at said service site,

~~so that~~ wherein said member information of said member information database in said center site is updated by and shared with other service sites accessible through said center site.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service site as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a member information obtaining part obtaining the member information of ~~a~~ the user from said center site when the user accesses said service site through said center site.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The service site as claimed in claim 8, wherein said member information obtaining part ~~indicates~~ provides information specifying the user as a member to said center site so as to obtain the member information of the user from said center site.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for searching~~ to search information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing information suitable for a service type by changing a search region for each service type.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for searching~~ to search information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a)-registering a service region for each shop providing a service to ~~an individual~~ a user; and

(b)-searching ~~for shops~~ based on the service region ~~in said step (a)~~, so that information related to one shop is not retrieved in said ~~step (b)~~ searching when the registered service region of the one shop, ~~which service region is registered in said step (a)~~, is out of a search region ~~in said step (b)~~.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method ~~for searching~~ to search information, said

~~method and~~ conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(a) creating a searching expression based on each specific institution around a current location of a user; and

(b) providing information corresponding to the specific institutions around a current location of ~~a the~~ user based on the searching expressions ~~defined created in said step (a).~~

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said ~~step (b) providing of the information corresponding to the specific institutions~~ provides information suitable for a user state by changing a search condition based on a moving speed of the user.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, ~~said method and~~ conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing information suitable for a moving direction of a user by changing a search condition based on the moving direction.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, ~~said method and~~ conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing information suitable for a moved distance of a user by changing a search condition based on the moved distance.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing information suitable for a move history of a user by changing a search condition based on the move history.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for searching information, said method conducted by one of service sites in a web site system including a center site and said service sites accessible through said center site, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing information suitable for a weather condition of a user by changing a search

condition based on the weather condition.

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19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A web site system comprising a center site and service sites accessible through said center site, where the center site comprises a member information database included in a center site in a web site system including said center site and service sites accessible through said center site, said member information database comprising:
a defining part defining a plurality of places as a single region; and
a registering part registering said single region to said member information database.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The member information database as claimed in claim 2019, further comprising:
an excluding part specifying places to be excluded and excluding said places from said single region registered by said registering part.
